



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

***The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:***

Title <b>Research Scientist 1 [Classified Non-Competitive]</b>			Salary <b>R30 \$85,861.39 - \$122,529.91</b>
Posting Number <b>298-22</b>	Position Number <b>071164</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>03/24/2022</b> To: <b>04/07/2022</b>
Location: <b>Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625</b>			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: <b>Applicants who Meet the Requirements</b>
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>Under a direction of a supervisory official this position will be the lead epidemiologist who will be responsible for leading the various Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) activities throughout the state. They will be responsible for guiding teams that are responsible for preventing and containing antimicrobial resistant organisms, infection control breaches, and outbreaks of disease in healthcare settings. The HAI/AR Unit Lead will oversee the team responsible for partnering with health professionals at the local, state, and federal level regarding issues related to HAI and infection control; including site visits into healthcare facilities as needed. They will oversee HAI/AR prevention activities including injection safety and antimicrobial stewardship efforts. The HAI/AR Unit Lead will also partner with the NJDOH Project Firstline Team to head up the training and education of public health care partners, primary health care providers, public health officials and the general public regarding healthcare facility preparedness for the prevention of emerging infectious pathogens and improvement of infection control practices. The successful candidate will have experience in controlling healthcare-associated infection outbreaks, including those with antimicrobial resistant organisms, infection control, care of the environment, and experience working as part of an interdisciplinary team; experience with communicable disease investigations preferred. Preference will be given to those candidates who are Certified in Infection Control (CIC).</p>			
<b>REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)</b>			
<p><b>EDUCATION:</b> Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.</p> <p><b>EXPERIENCE:</b> Four (4) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.</p> <p><b>LICENSE:</b> Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.</p>			
<b>IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
<p>If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward the required documents electronically to: <b>PSTEEOH@doh.nj.gov</b></li> <li>• Mail the required documents to: <b>Steven Bors, Executive Assistant 4 Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health Reference Posting #298-22 New Jersey Department of Health PO Box 369 Trenton, NJ 08625-0369</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Required documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cover letter</li> <li>• resume</li> <li>• completed application, found at: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf">http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><i>* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.</i></p>			

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- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
  - *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
  - *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
  - *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
  - *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
  - **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
  - *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*